

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE with the following amended ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

A brake assembly (24) ~~is provided for locking~~ locks a slidable sash window (14) within a track (16) of a frame (12). The track (16) has a pair of spaced apart, opposed sidewalls (20), the brake assembly (24) includes a slider body (28) adapted for slidable motion within the track (16). The slider body (28) has a central opening (34) extending from a front face (36) to a rear face (38) and has a side opening (46) adjacent to the central opening (34). The assembly also includes a brake member (30) comprising a spring having a braking surface (58), and mounted within the slider body (28) such that the braking surface (58) is adapted for reciprocal lateral movement through the side opening (46). The assembly (24) further includes a cam (32) positioned in the central opening (34), wherein the slider body (28) receives and retains the brake member (30) and the cam (32) is rotatable in the central opening (34) for laterally biasing the braking surface (58) for movement through the side opening (46) wherein the braking surface (58) is adapted to frictionally engage one of the opposed side walls (20).